

**APPROVED**  
**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**July 28, 2008**

**TIME**           The meeting convened at 6:43 p.m.

**PRESENT**       Chair Lord-Hausman, Commissioners Berger, Fort, Longley-Cook, Kirola and Robinson.

**ABSENT**       Vice-Chair Moore and Commissioner Kreitz.

**MINUTES**

The June 23, 2008 minutes were approved as presented.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no written communication.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Mastick Senior Center (Jackie Krause, Senior Services Manager.):**

Jackie Krause gave a presentation regarding ADA improvements, including funding for power doors to the Mastick Senior Center. Ms. Krause also provided copies of Mastick's Newsletter and Mastick Senior Center Code of Conduct information. Programs are open to everyone age 50 and older, including computer, fitness classes and dancing. A large component of their effort involves fundraising, which contributes approximately \$70,000 towards Mastick's annual budget that is conducted by volunteers. Mastick is also the hub for the paratransit program, including the distribution of tickets.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked what percentage of fundraising is part of their overall budget to which Ms. Krause replied five to ten percent.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked what type of resources and information are available for individuals with disabilities to which Ms. Krause replied that there is a part-time Resource Specialist who provides resources, but does not get involved with case management type of services.

Commissioner Berger asked what the emergency 211-hotline is and is Mastick connected to which Ms. Krause replied that it is the Alameda County Resource hotline and Mastick will call that number if needed.

Commissioner Berger asked if the 211-hotline covers all counties or just local to which Ms. Krause replied that she is not sure if it does but they are working towards that goal.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if there is a web page to which Ms. Krause replied yes, although it is linked to the Alameda Recreation and Park Department. Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she would like the CDI to have a link to Mastick, to which Ms. Krause replied that is perfectly fine and if the CDI provided information to Mastick, they would distribute it on behalf of the Commission.

Commissioner Kirola asked if paratransit tickets can be purchased at Mastick to which Ms. Krause replied yes, every Tuesday through Thursday, between 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon.

Commissioner Berger asked if there was a chance that a Mac computer could be purchased for the Senior Center's computer classes to which Ms. Krause responded not any time soon as most are PC's.

Ms. Krause thanked the Commission for their time and questions.

**2. Emergency Disaster Plan (Rick Zombeck, Disaster Preparedness Officer/AFD):**

In Rick Zombeck's absence, Sharon Oliver, Captain, Alameda Fire Department (AFD), gave a presentation on the City's Disaster Preparedness Plan. Captain Oliver also works with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Executive Team on City-wide issues. The City's basic Emergency Plan establishes emergency and directions in the event of a disaster and operational area which is Alameda County. AFD is the first responder to a disaster or emergency situation in the City and then it expands to the County and upward to the State and Federal Governments. Captain Oliver concluded the presentation with an overview of the City's emergency plan.

Chair Lord-Hausman asked if additional copies are available to which Captain Oliver replied that a copy is available at the Main Library and a future copy will be made available online within the City's website.

Commissioner Berger asked if all the radios are based on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) to which Captain Oliver replied that NIMS was enacted after September 11, 2001 by the Federal Government to ensure that all agencies are on the same frequency. The City of Alameda measures up to NIMS as required by Federal standards. Both APD and AFD can communicate through the use of NIMS.

Commissioner Longley-Cook asked is there a coordination of the statewide channels to which Captain Oliver replied that there are some although radio communications is challenging.

Commissioner Johnson asked if cell phones are reliable to which Captain Oliver replied that cell phones are used during the highest priority in a disaster and that the radio system should also work well in Alameda.

Commissioner Berger asked where does the local Disaster Registry fit within the Disaster Plan, to which Captain Oliver responded that due to budget constraints, it is not up to date but the registry is managed through the CERT Program. Currently there are not enough personnel to invest into managing the program.

Commissioner Berger asked if the registry is in nursing homes to which Captain Oliver responded that the Disaster Registry is meant for someone who lives alone and is independent; however, they will be checked on following a disaster.

Commissioner Berger asked how does an individual update their registry form to which Captain Oliver responded by a written request to the Alameda Fire Department.

Commissioner Fort asked how do you know if you are registered to which Captain Oliver responded that the individuals would have added themselves to the register.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that when the CDI web page is up and running, they would like to add a link with AFD regarding the disaster registry program.

Commissioner Kirola asked is there a description of the CERT Program to which Captain Oliver responded that one can check the City's website and navigate for information about the program.

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that the CDI would like to partner with AFD regarding the registry program to which Captain Oliver replied that is fine.

Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that some people do not register in the program because of fear of personal information being exposed. Captain Oliver replied that she has heard of these types of fears; however, all volunteers are subject to a background check before they have access to the list and they would meet with the individuals one on one.

Commissioner Robinson asked if APD or AFD manages the program to which Captain Oliver stated that Fire manages the program and that she will ensure that information is consistent with what is on the background check form.

Commissioner Berger asked if the registry list is being checked on a regular basis to which Captain Oliver replied that it stays with AFD.

Captain Oliver thanked the Commission for their questions and input with respect to the City's Disaster Preparedness Plan and registry program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Bike Plan Task Force Committee (Commissioner Kreitz):**

No report.

2. **Central Avenue/AUSD Handicap/Accessibility Parking (Chair Lord-Hausman):**

Chair Lord-Hausman stated that Obaid Khan, Supervising Civil Engineer in the Public Works Department, spoke with AUSD who controls the disabled parking spots along Central Avenue in front of the school district building, and the District has agreed to improve the signage to direct people to the Oak Street entrance for disabled parking.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Secretary Akil informed the Commission that the ADA Transition Plan Update was presented and approved unanimously by the City Council at the July 15, 2008 meeting. Secretary Akil stated that the CDI had previously reviewed the document and recommended that it be presented to the Council for adoption. Secretary Akil thanked the Commission for their valuable input and support during the project.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Commissioner Longley-Cook asked for an update on the latest proposed Federal ADA changes to which Secretary Akil responded that the document was released for a 60-day public comment period in early July and that it could be months before the final changes become effective. The changes will mainly affect courtrooms, large theatre settings and parks and playgrounds within public agencies.
2. Commissioner Longley-Cook stated that the crosswalk in-pavement lights are working well.
3. **Transportation Commission Meeting:** Chair Lord-Hausman stated that she attended the meeting to hear the PW Transportation Study, which indicated the City would seek additional grant money towards future improvements.
4. Commissioner Berger stated that she would like to revisit the start time of the CDI meetings for the next agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 25, 2008, at

6:30 p.m. in Room 360 at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucretia A. Akil  
Commission Secretary